

# Washington State Credentialing Requirements

## Naturopath (Chapter 18.36A RCW, 246-836 WAC)

**Type of Credential:**

License

**DOH Contact:**

Customer Service Center - 360-236-4700

Credentialing Requirements	Verification Documents Obtained
Graduation from a state approved naturopathic school	Official transcript with degree and date posted, received directly from applicant's program. Transcripts not in English must have an official translation.
Work History (professional training and experience)	Must have complete chronology from receipt of naturopathic degree to the date of application. All time periods must be accounted for.
State licensure verification	Applicant lists all states where credentials are or were held, including where applicant has applied but a credential was not granted. A verification form must be completed and submitted by the jurisdiction where the applicant is or was credentialed. Applicant sends form to jurisdiction for completion. The jurisdiction sends completed form directly to the department.
Statement about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• physical and mental health status</li><li>• lack of impairment due to chemical dependency/substance abuse</li><li>• history of loss of license, certification or registration</li><li>• felony convictions</li><li>• loss or limitations of privileges</li><li>• disciplinary actions</li><li>• professional liability claims history</li></ul>	Applicant must answer personal data questions. An appropriate explanation and required documentation must be sent with positive answers. If there is a positive answer to the professional liability claims history question, the applicant must send an explanation of the nature of the case, data and summary of care given, copies of the original complaint, and the settlement or final disposition. If pending, applicant must indicate status.

**Additional Information/Documents Required**

- HIV/AIDS training - seven hours
- Successfully passed national examination (basic science series, clinical exams, and the minor surgery add-on) – scores sent directly from NPLEX
- Passage of state jurisprudence examination

**Process for Approving/Denying Applications**

Credentialing staff review the application and supporting documents to make an initial determination on eligibility. The recommendation is based upon the requirements outlined in RCW 18.36A and WAC 246-836. Credentialing supervisors approve applications that do not have positive answers to personal data questions, have questionable verifying documents, or are otherwise “red flag” applications. Red flag applications are forwarded to the exception application process for determination by the appropriate disciplining authority. An applicant will be formally notified of a denial and has the opportunity for a hearing.

**Renewal Requirements**

Naturopathic physicians must renew their license every year on or before their birthday. They are required to submit the appropriate fee, renewal card and obtain 20 hours of continuing education every year.

